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SUBJECT: LOS: EGYPTIAN STRAITS NEGOTIATIONS

1. COMMODORE EL GAZAR OF THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION APPROACHED CAPT YOUNG (DOT) AND SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AN INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN CAIRO ON THE STRAITS ISSUE.

2. HE STRESSED THE MILITARY ASPECT, THE DESIRABILITY OF A SMALL GROUP AND SPECIFICALLY NAMED AMBASSADOR MOORE, ADMIRAL MORRIS AND CAPT YOUNG AS THE PERSONS HE HAD IN MIND.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SUCH A CAIRO CONVERSATION WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT IF THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY HAD THE BENEFIT OF DETAILED INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING OUR PROBLEMS WITH INNOCENT PASSAGE AND POLLUTION CONTROLS IN STRAITS WITH ADMIRAL MORRIS AND CAPT YOUNG AS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES AND AMB MOORE AS THE POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE TALKS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. ABRAMS

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